



Town of Blades  
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL  
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***Town Council Meeting  
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE  
7:00PM  
December 12, 2022***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Councilwoman Nancy McAdams, Councilman William Stang, Police Chief Martin Willey, Administrative Assistant Karen Raines and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the November 14, 2022, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith; Seconded by Councilman William Stang. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Chief Martin Willey.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. December 5, 2022, 7:00 pm – Approved 1 new home applications.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell. Read by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.
- Water report - Reports submitted and read by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Councilman William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.



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❖ New Business:

- CDBG Annual Public Hearing presented by Brandon Hamilton.
- Adoption of 2023 Budget - Councilman William Stang made a motion to adopt the 2023 Budget as written; Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried
- Hardin Hall - Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. made a motion to advertise for bids to replace Hardin Hall; Seconded by Councilwoman Nancy McAdams. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried
- Police Car Sale - Councilman Donald Trice made a motion to advertise for bids to sell the unmarked police car; Seconded by Councilwoman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor Mike Smith – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes, Councilwoman Nancy McAdams – Yes, Councilman William Stang. – Yes. Carried.
- Holiday Schedule – Closed Monday, December 26, 2022 and Monday, January 2, 2023.
- Christmas Light Contest – Deadline Tuesday, December 20, 2022

❖ Old Business:

- N/A

❖ Good of the Community

Citizen inquired about the status of a property that has fire damage. – The owners are working with their insurance company.

Citizen inquired about their water test results. – The results shown no irregularities, the Water Supervisor did call the resident, but the 2 calls were not answered.

Citizen inquired about the Town's water quality, mentioned that his doctor was concerned. – The resident and his doctor can find the Town's Water Quality Report (CCR) on our website. [blades.delaware.gov](http://blades.delaware.gov) to ease any concerns.

Citizen inquired about what they feel are code properties. – The Mayor and Council will look into their concerns.



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Entered into Executive Session: 7:45 pm

Exited Executive Session: 7:59 pm

Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. motioned to adjourn the December 12, 2022, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Mike Smith.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Raines  
Administrative Assistant